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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD July 22, 2013 – For the week ending July 21, 2013, scattered rain showers and above normal temperatures continued to advance crop development last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Major activities for the week included haying and spraying of row crops. Statewide, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 70 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 65 adequate, and 6 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat turning color was 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Ripe was 35 percent, well behind 100 last year and 67 average. Harvested were 3 percent, also well behind 96 last year and 36 average.

Spring wheat turning color was 69 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 67 average. Ripe was 3 percent, well behind 91 last year and 27 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 7 poor, 36 fair, 44 good, and 7 excellent.

Oats headed was 98 percent, behind last year at 100 but equal to 98 average. Turning color was 63 percent, behind 99 last year and 73 average. Ripe was 5 percent, well behind 94 last year and 34 average. Harvested were 3 percent, also well behind 72 last year and 18 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 57 good, and 8 excellent.

Barley was 99 percent headed, behind last year at 100 but ahead of 96 average. Turning color was 55 percent, behind 100 last year and 63 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 36 fair, 59 good, and 4 excellent.

Corn silking was 32 percent, behind 59 last year but ahead of 23 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 56 good, and 19 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 56 percent, behind last year's 85 and 61 average. Setting pods were 5 percent, behind 25 last year and 12 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 56 good, and 17 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 12 percent, behind 26 last year but equal to 12 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 39 fair, 52 good, and 4 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 5 percent, behind last year at 17 but near 7 average. Condition rated 9 percent very poor, 10 poor, 23 fair, 55 good, and 3 excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 97 percent complete, behind 100 last year but equal to 97 average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 46 percent complete, behind 2012 at 82 and 51 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 8 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 79 adequate, and 3 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.*

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:  
<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-07-22-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:  
[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

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